



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

**Casino celebrates
new milestone**



March 2025

Opening events held for Prairie Flower Casino expansion

On February 17, 2025, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska officially cut the ribbon to open the expanded Prairie Flower Casino. A private open house was held the day before, on February 16, to let members view and experience the expansion before the Casino opened to the public. The new expansion increases the gaming floor square footage by seven-fold, triples the total number of gaming positions, adds a sportsbook, and ushers in Las Vegas-style electronic table games.

“The expansion of Prairie Flower Casino is a milestone event for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, as it represents a future that offers more sustainable funding for critical Tribal programs that serve our members, like health-care, transportation, job training, cultural preservation, and the delivery of meals for elders,” said Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Chairwoman Candace Schmidt. “We appreciate the partnership of the City of Carter Lake, our dedicated staff who helped make this possible, and most importantly, our members, elders, and ancestors whose sacrifices and perseverance led the Tribe to this celebratory day.”



The Tribe’s history and culture are noticeable throughout the facility. The casino’s street address, 1031 Avenue H, and the name of the main bar inside, Bar 1031, is a nod to the date in which the federal government restored the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska – October 31st, 1990. Inside, artwork made by Ponca Tribe of Nebraska member Terry Taylor will hang on the walls.

“Prairie Flower Casino staff are thrilled to welcome our loyal guests and new patrons into this exciting, new,

ic table games like blackjack, roulette, poker, and craps, our guests are going to love the entertainment variety in what will feel like a boutique gaming facility,” said Prairie Flower Casino General Manager Ernie Dellaverson.

The expanded casino, located adjacent to the existing facility, will be open 24 hours. The original casino facility, which opened on November 1, 2018, will transition to an administrative and back-office workspace.

Prairie Flower Casino continues to hire staff for the expanded casino. Individuals interested can apply at <https://prairief-lowercasino.com/careers/>. For more information on Prairie Flower Casino, please visit www.prairief-lowercasino.com.

SAVE THE DATE!



31st ANNUAL

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA POWWOW

August 7-10, 2025

4-Day Powwow!
All Dancers, Vendors and Spectators Welcome.

For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PTNCultureDepartment/ or contact Alexcia Boggs at aboggs@poncatribene.gov.

On the cover: Ponca Gaming Enterprise member Matthew Kennedy, Chairwoman Candace Schmidt, and D3 Representative Suzie Baker celebrate as the ribbon parts, signaling the opening of the new expansion of Prairie Flower Casino.

More pictures from the Member Open House



Join Us for Lunch!

Members are invited to come and share lunch with the Executive Team at our monthly meet and greet! We look forward to sharing a meal, and hearing member input on projects and prospects facing our Tribal nation. Please be sure to RSVP, so we can save you a spot at the table!

March 21 | 12 - 1 pm
Sioux City Offices
125 6th Street

April 18 | 12 - 1 pm
Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive

May 16 | 12 - 1 pm
Ralston Transit Building
5701 South 85th Circle

June 20 | 12 - 1 pm
Norfolk Housing Authority
1501 W Michigan Ave

July 18 | 12 - 1 pm
Niobrara Agency Room
88915 521 Avenue

August 15 | 12 - 1 pm
Sioux City Offices
125 6th Street

September 19 | 12 - 1 pm
Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive

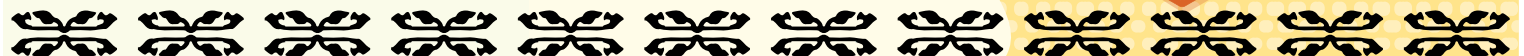
October 17 | 12 - 1 pm
Ralston Transit Building
5701 South 85th Circle

November 21 | 12 - 1 pm
Norfolk Housing Authority
1501 W Michigan Ave

December 19 | 12 - 1 pm
Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine Street



To RSVP, please scan our QR code or visit our link: https://poncatribeofne.formstack.com/forms/meet_and_greet. For more information, questions, or to request a link to join virtually, please contact Taylor White at twhite@poncatribene.gov.



Níkapáshná Clan

by Steve Laravie, Sr., Language Program Coordinator

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For the next several months, this word search puzzle will explore historic personal names from each of the Ponca clans. Ponca names are formed from words in the language, and provide a unique way to study both the language and history of the Tribe.

Nágetide -

Runs Suddenly

Náđjbaži -

Makes No Error

Naxde Sabè -

Black Coal

T'áigina -

New Coming Moon

T'awážjga -

Little Deer

Maču Dađj -

Crazy Bear

Nákat'u - Blueback**Wažjt'u -** Blue Bird**Waséka -** Fast**Gdedáginà -**

Hawk Returns

Gdedá Sabe-

Black Hawk

Čumáđi -

Spits Walking

Mí Gdedá'wì -

Moon Hawk

Mázè Waži -

Puts Metal

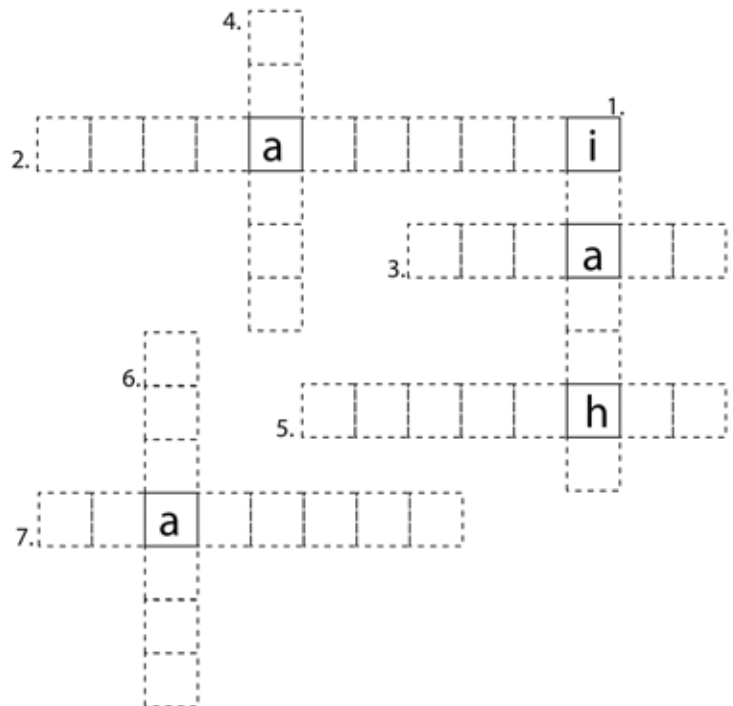
Upon Them

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Í'bahà

to know

1. Idáp'ahà - I know
2. Idáp'ahà maži - I don't know
3. Íšp'ahà - you know
4. Í'bahà - he/she/it knows
5. Ađá'bahà - we know
6. Íšp'ahà - you all know
7. Í'b'ahàima - they all know



Families enjoy a fun-filled puppet show in Sioux City

On Saturday, February 1, families gathered at the Sioux City office for an engaging puppet show hosted by the Language and Culture Committee. The event featured the

children's story "How the Ishtinike Caught the Turtle," brought to life through lively puppetry. After the performance, attendees participated in a Ponca language lesson,

allowing both children and adults to learn more about the language and culture. The event also included the distribution of children's coloring books and a delicious meal for

all participants. Overall, it was a delightful day filled with learning, creativity, and community bonding.



Annual Healthy Living

Walk/Run & Powwow April 12, 2025

10:00 am | 2 Mile Prayer Walk & Run

Skyview Lake | 1900 West Maple Ave | Norfolk, NE

Registration starts at 9:30 am. Prizes in all age categories, and
FREE RAFFLE DRAWINGS for all walk/run participants!

11:30 am - 12:00 pm | Lunch

Ponca Tribal Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Lunch will be provided to all walk/run participants and
powwow attendees.

1:00 - 5:00 pm | Powwow

Ponca Tribal Gym | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

4:30 - 6:00 pm | Buffalo Distribution

Norfolk Cafeteria | 1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

For more information, please contact your local PTN office or
Crystal Mundorf at 402.371.8834



Ponca Language classes beginning in March

The Ponca Language program will be holding weekly in-person and virtual language classes starting in the month of March. Whether you're just beginning, or looking to strengthen your skills, this is a great opportunity to connect with our language and culture.

In-person classes will be held from 5:30-7:00 pm. Omaha classes will be held on Tuesdays, Lincoln classes will be held on Wednesdays, Niobrara classes will be held on Thursdays, and Sioux

City classes will be held on Fridays at the Sioux City office. Can't make it class? Join us LIVE from anywhere via Lifesize.

For more information, or to request online class details, contact the Language Instructor in your area. Sioux City - Deion Miller, deionm@poncatribene.gov; Lincoln - Steve Laravie, Sr., slaraviesr@poncatribene.gov; Omaha - Ruby Wright, rubyw@poncatribene.gov; Niobrara - Britnie O'Keefe, bokeefe@poncatribene.gov

Culture Teachers Wanted!

Are you in the Sioux City, Omaha, Niobrara and Lincoln area? Are you interested in sharing Ponca culture and knowledge with others? The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Culture Department is seeking Ponca members interested in teaching various aspects of Ponca culture (regalia, beading, singing, dancing, food, etc.) and offering classes throughout the coming year.

To be considered, please send a sample of your work (video, picture, etc.) to Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs, Alexcia Boggs at aboggs@poncatribene.gov or 712.258.0500 ext. 1005.



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Calling all Ponca Artists!

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to submit their designs for the 31st Annual Northern Ponca Powwow t-shirt. The artist whose design is selected will be compensated \$300 for their art, and have their art credited on the t-shirt. Artists may submit previously submitted art.

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members only. Designs **MUST** be submitted **NO LATER THAN 11:59 pm, March 31, 2025**. To apply, scan our QR code. All artwork must be high resolution, and scalable to t-shirt size. For questions or more information, please email Alexcia Boggs at aboggs@poncatribene.gov.

Scan Me!



PONCA TRIBE
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Calling Models & Designers!

The Ponca Language and Culture Committee will be hosting a Ponca Fashion show. They are looking for both models and designers to showcase their talent on the runway. Apply now to walk the catwalk!

For more information or questions, please contact Demetri Zephier at demetrizephier28@gmail.com.

D1 Easter Celebrations!

Sioux City: April 13, 2025 | 12:00 pm

Niobrara: April 19, 2025 | 12:00 pm

Wagner, SD: April 19, 2025 | 5:00 pm

Watch for more information online, and in the April 2025 newsletter!

District 2 OSDA

D2 Easter Cards

Happy Easter from D2 Tribal Council! All OSDA kids 0 – 12 years old will receive a \$25 gift card in lieu of an Easter basket. All OSDA heads of household will receive a \$50 gift card to help out with their Easter meal. All gift cards will be mailed out by April 1st.

All members must be actively enrolled when pulling the lists. For more information, please contact Tribal Council Representatives Falon McAlpin at falonm@poncatribes-ne.gov or Samantha Gallagher at sgallagher@poncatribes-ne.gov.

D4 Easter Happenings:

Easter gift cards will be sent out to all District 4 Heads of Household nationwide. District 4 will also be holding a meat distribution for Easter.

Watch for more information on social media and the website, or contact Kyle Taylor at 402.750.4299, or Alex Taylor at 402.750.2045.

District 3 OSDA

D3 Easter Cards

Happy Easter from D3 Tribal Council! All OSDA kids 0 – 12 years old will receive a \$25 gift card in lieu of an Easter basket. All OSDA heads of household will receive a \$50 gift card to help out with their Easter meal. All gift cards will be mailed out by April 1st.

For more information, contact Tribal Council Representatives Shanna Carpenter at shannac@poncatribes-ne.gov or Susie Baker at sbaker@poncatribes-ne.gov.

District 2 SDA

Family Easter Event

April 5, 2025 | 3:30 – 6:00 pm

Ralston Cabinet Building
5811 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

District 2 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to come and celebrate together for Easter. Every child age 0 to 12 years old will receive an Easter basket to fill. Join us for filling Easter baskets at 3:30 pm, dinner at 4:30 pm! Dress your best for FREE family photos with the Easter Bunny!

RSVP by scanning our QR code no later than **11:59 pm, March 24, 2025**. For more information, contact Tribal Council Representatives Falon McAlpin at falonm@poncatribes-ne.gov or Samantha Gallagher at sgallagher@poncatribes-ne.gov.

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District 3 SDA

Easter Brunch

April 5, 2025 | 11 am

Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

District 3 Ponca Tribal members and their families are invited to come and celebrate together for Easter. Join us for food, an egg hunt, Easter baskets, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Dress your best for FREE family photos.

For details, please contact Tribal Council Representatives Shanna Carpenter at shannac@poncatribes-ne.gov or Susie Baker at sbaker@poncatribes-ne.gov.

**PONCA TRIBE
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Calling all Ponca Artists

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members are invited to sign up to sell their handmade items at the Niobrara Market.

Please scan our QR code or visit https://poncatrIBEofNE.formstack.com/forms/ponca_artists_niobrara_market to sign up. For more information, contact Rebecca Sullivan at bsullivan@osniponca.com.



SAVE THE DATE! Diaper Distribution

March 5, 2025 | 10 am – 6 pm

Norfolk Gym

1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Lincoln Community Room – North Entrance

1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

Niobrara Headquarters

2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE

Cabinet Building Garage

5813 S 86th Cir | Omaha, NE

March 18, 2025 | 10 am – 6 pm

Sioux City Office

125 6th St | Sioux City, IA

Please bring Tribal ID or proof of enrollment for you or the child in need to participate.



Empowerment Through Education:

Ponca Youth Council Scholarship

AWARDS:

- ★ 1 \$1000 Scholarship
- ★ 2 \$500 Scholarships

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ★ Enrolled Ponca member
- ★ 17 – 24 years old
- ★ Preparing to enroll or currently enrolled in a college (2 or 4-year accredited institution), graduate, trade, or professional school
- ★ Answer three prompts
- ★ Provide one letter of recommendation

To start the application process, scan our QR code.

Applications are due **March 31, 2025**.

Applicants will be notified **May 17, 2025**.





Did you know?

Our PTN Education programs are open to members nationwide!

- Need based funding in our Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training, and Graduate programs at the post-secondary level.
- K-12 Youth Incentive Program
- GED Incentive Program and GED testing fee assistance

For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Education Department at 402.371.8834, via email at pate@poncatrib-ne.gov or aknudsen@poncatrib-ne.gov, or via mail:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Department of Education
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE 68701

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA



Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

Please remember to submit your official transcripts after **EACH** term funded in order to be eligible to receive future funding. Students must apply each school year.

Summer 2025 deadline: May 15, 2025

Fall 2025 deadline: August 15, 2025

Winter 2025 deadline: November 15, 2025

The Ponca Educational Trust Fund is available nationwide to students who enroll at one of the University of Nebraska Campuses/Online Courses: Lincoln ~ Omaha ~ Kearney (Must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester to be eligible)

Attention All K-12 YIP Students Nationwide:

- High School Seniors for the 2024-2025 school year are eligible to receive a \$500.00 Graduation Incentive!
- Our department is accepting projects for incentives in the following areas: Art, Essay/Poetry, and Student of the Month. **Winners may receive \$100.00 for 1st place, \$50.00 for 2nd place, and \$25.00 for 3rd place. Grade divisions are as follows: Primary (K-2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)*
- Perfect Attendance \$100.00 (0-.49 days of absenteeism), \$50.00 (.5-3.49 days of absenteeism), and \$25.00 (3.5-5.49 days of absenteeism).

Deadline to apply for the 2024-2025 school year is July 31, 2025.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information are available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen at: office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatrib-ne.gov. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

Help Needed for 31st Annual Powwow!

Members are invited to apply for the following paid positions:

Cleaners

All applicants must be over 18 years old. Prospective cleaning crews must be made up of at least 6 members.

Applications Due:
March 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm



Cooks

All applicants must be over 18 years old.

Applications Due:
March 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm



Color Guard

Veterans and members of the active military are invited to apply to be a part of our Color Guard. All natives welcome!

Applications Due:
May 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm



Water Carriers

All applicants must be between 10 to 17 years old and must have Parent or Guardian permission.

Applications Due:
May 31, 2025 by 11:59 pm



For more information, please contact Alexcia Boggs at aboggs@poncatribene.gov.



Honoring Native women in conservation & science

March is Women’s History Month, and the Environmental Department is highlighting women who have had impacts on conservation and science. For instance, Winona LaDuke. Winona LaDuke is an indigenous woman of the Ojibwe Tribe in Minnesota. Winona founded the White Earth Land Recovery Project, which is an organization that helps buy land to give back to reservations to use and create more environmentally friendly practices. One of her many environmental passions is sustainable development, meaning to create an environment that can be usable for many generations to come. Renewable energy is another one of Winona’s focuses, which is a concern for native people. Renewable resources are needed for the creation of a healthier environment and with the cost and complexity, native populations are having a difficult time finding ways to be more renewable to keep up with the future. Winona helps to do this by purchasing land to use for windmills that help establish renewable culture in tribes. Food sustainability is another topic Winona is trying to improve, because of climate change,

food supplies and food production are at risk. She also helped encourage tribal members to eat traditional foods which helps with sustainability, and the Type 2 Diabetes rates among tribes. Along with that, Winona advocates for the protection of watersheds to keep natural water bodies and our drinking water safe to consume. Winona led the 2016 Dakota Access Pipeline protests to protect the water access in indigenous lands of North Dakota. Winona is a big advocate for environmental science but is also heavily involved in the returning of native lands, politics, and women empowerment. To learn more you can visit: <https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/winona-laduke>

That is just one of many examples of women in conservation, if you would like to celebrate someone you know or someone historically you would like to be featured on our Facebook page please send those to our Environmental Manager Misha at misham@poncatribene.gov

Be recycle ready with a list of drop-off locations!

It is necessary for the health of our environment to recycle, but it can be hard to find places that take different kinds of items. Below are some locations where you can recycle or donate your items!

NIOBRARA

Basic Recyclables:

- Verdigre - 3rd Avenue
- Yankton - Transfer Station
1200 W 23rd Street

Clothes (gently used):

- Local churches & thrift stores

Towels/Blankets:

- Heartland Humane Society
3400 SD-50, Yankton, SD

Small Electronics:

- Verizon Wireless
2020 Elm St., Ste 1, Yankton, SD

Metals/Aluminum Cans:

- Yankton Metals
1405 Bill Baggs Rd

SIoux CITY

Basic Recyclables:

- 529 Pierce St
- 4005 Morningside Ave
- 2912 Hamilton Ave
- 1100 Cunningham Dr

Clothes (gently used):

- Local churches & thrift stores

Towels/Blankets:

- Sioux City Animal Adoption & Rescue Center
2400 Hawkeye Dr

- Siouxland Humane Society
1015 Tri View Ave
- Noah's Hope Animal Rescue
2601 Myrtle St

Small Electronics:

- Best Buy- 4730 Sergeant Rd
- Staples- 5001 Sergeant Rd Ste 50

Aluminum Cans:

- Easy Cans Redemption Center
2020 27th St.

NORFOLK

Basic Recyclables:

- Norfolk Recycling- 1415 S 1st St
- Green Fiber- 3421 Old Hwy 8

Clothes (gently used):

- Local churches & thrift stores

Towels/Blankets:

- Animal Shelter of
Northeast Nebraska
1000 E Omaha Ave

Small Electronics:

- E.Cycling- 1400 Sq. Turn Blvd

Metals/Aluminum Cans/ Batteries/Appliances:

- Alter Corporation
300 Washington Ave

OMAHA

Basic Recyclables (including glass):

- 20801 Elkhorn Drive
- 3615 North 120th St
- N 17th & Burt St
- 6404 S 60th St
- 10330 I St
- 7301 Farnam St

Clothes (gently used):

- Local churches & thrift stores

Towels/Blankets:

- Nebraska Humane Society
8929 Fort St

Small Electronics:

- Element Recycling- 4918 F St

Metals/Aluminum Cans:

- Element Recycling- 4918 F St

LINCOLN

Basic Recyclables:

- 27th & Tamarin Ridge Rd
- 72nd & A St
- Capital Parkway & J St
- W Vine St & NW 48th St
- 5101 N 48th St

Clothes (gently used):

- Local churches & thrift stores
- Zoo Drop Off Boxes (All over Lincoln!)

Towels/Blankets:

- Capital Humane Society
2320 Park Blvd

Small Electronics:

- American Recycling
5001 S 16th St.
- Star City Recycling
141 Harwood Ct Suite 2

Metals/Aluminum Cans:

- Alter Metal Recycling
6100 N 70th St.
- Star City Recycling
141 Harwood Ct Suite 2



Looking for event photos? All our official Ponca Tribe of Nebraska photos are available on Flickr @PoncaTribeofNE.

Honoring Women



D3 Representatives Susie Baker and Shanna Carpenter, Chairwoman Candace Schmidt, and D2 Representatives Samantha Gallagher and Falon McAlpin.



Chairwoman Candace Schmidt, Tribal Council Representatives Falon McAlpin, Shanna Carpenter, Samantha Gallagher, and Angie Starkel.



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NPHA



Prairie Flower Casino

Former Trailblazers

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|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| • Judy Allen | • Gloria Chytka | • Deb Robinette | • Donna Wendzillo |
| • Rose Birdhead | • Crystal Howell | • Stephanie Slobotski | • Conceta Zephier |
| • Brenda Bogacz | • Pearl Laravie | • Linda Stolle | • Becci Sullivan |
| • Sheila Bogacz | • Joey Nathan | | |

During the month of March, Tribal Council would like to honor all the women who work for our Tribal government and entities.

While not all the women who work so hard on the behalf of the Tribe are pictured here, know that we honor and celebrate you all!



Bailey Kemp

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Domestic Violence department is eager to celebrate all the women we have in our lives during this year's National Women's History Month. During the month of March, we give a little extra attention to all the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women.

March is Women's History Month, and March 8 is International Women's Day, so we wanted to highlight inspiring Native American women who have impacted the world around them, both past and present. The historical significance of Native American women is one of beauty and power.

Educating & Inspiring Generations.” This theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations — both past and present.



Assistant Secretary for
Indian Affairs at the U.S.
Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Department of the
Interior.

in the School of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1977 and held the title of Distinguished Lecturer and was the director of the American Indian Studies Department at UW Madison since 1999. She co-founded Milwaukee's Indian Community School. She also created the first program at the University to provide social work training on Native American reservations. She was a fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Gov-



ernment, Harvard University.



During her retirement, Mary worked to recruit young women and Native Americans to engineering careers. At the age of 96, she participated in the opening ceremonies of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian on the National

Henrietta Mann,
Southern Cheyenne, is
a celebrated activist,
educator, professor,
and leading figure in



developing programs devoted to Native American studies. As an elected Tribal Councilor for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, she helped author federal legislation that resulted in a \$15 million settlement from the US government in 1967 as part of the Indian Claims Commission. Mann has been integral in developing Native American studies at colleges and universities nationwide. In 2000, she became the first Native

Throughout history, the process of information sharing has been a powerful catalyst for change. An honest, open examination of new insights and knowledge can create a framework for collaboration. This, in turn, promotes the well-being of

groups, businesses, communities, and society. From classrooms to boardrooms, and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action. The 2025 theme spotlights the contributions women have made to the educational system, the free marketplace of ideas, and the very fabric of our democracy.

The Ponca Tribal Court and the Domestic Violence Program are working together to host the Ponca Code Series. This series is a training being held to assist tribal members, staff, legal professionals, human service professionals, and members of the indigenous community to better understand the Ponca Tribal Code.

March 13, 2025 | 11 am – 2 pm
Sioux City Offices
125 6th Street | Sioux City, IA

April 10, 2025 | 11 am - 2 pm
Ralston Transit
5701 South 85th Circle | Omaha, NE


The series will go over one section of the code per event and is taught by the Honorable Patrick Runge. Lunch will be provided.

This flyer was produced by the Ponca Tribe of NE under two grants: Grant # 90CS2045 TCIP, and grant #15POVC-21-GG-00928-TVAG, awarded by the Office of Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Program, and U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this flyer are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.




PONCA YOUTH AGES 14-24:

Complete PEDCO's needs assessment survey for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card!



Share your needs in the areas of education, job training, and career exploration and help us develop our Workforce program to better serve Ponca youth!

Scan attached QR code and take the survey for your chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card.
Contact: Greg Moser, PEDCO Director at 402-434-2127 Ext. 7.



PEDCO eNewsletter coming soon!

If you would like to receive the newsletter, please email Greg Moser at gmoser@pedco-ne.org with your name, address, phone number, age, and email address.

The newsletter will include:

- Upcoming Career Development Opportunities
- Upcoming Career Training Opportunities
- Success stories and community impact.
- Job openings, training workshops, grants, resources, and funding opportunities.
- Updates on workforce policies, trends, and best practices.
- Motivational content and testimonials.



AVAILABLE NOW! CYBERSECURITY IN AGRICULTURE TRAINING WITH PEDCO & UNO

Hackers are getting more sophisticated, and they strike randomly. This is true even in Agriculture. Understand your options and prepare for the possibility you could be the next victim of a cybercrime. PEDCO offers free Cybersecurity in Agriculture training in partnership with the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Training will be available online or in-person if requested, and training sites will be available in any of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offices throughout the Service Area upon request.



CYBERSECURITY IN AGRICULTURE TRAINING

PRESENTED BY PEDCO & UNO

IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

FREE TWO-HOUR TRAINING

OPEN TO ALL PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS

INTERESTED? CONTACT

Tom McCauley
Grants Manager
PEDCO
tmccauley@pedco-ne.org
402-499-1202



COMING SOON! PEDCO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

The PEDCO Workforce Development program will provide our Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members access to services designed to help nurture individual self-sufficiency, assist in eliminating barriers to employment, and provide members a means to achieve professional success. This program will be available to all members 16+ wanting pre-employment assistance, to further their career, or to advance professional skills. We are planning to build this into a career center based on the needs of our People.



PEDCO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CAREER EXPLORATION

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

CAREER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING

PEDCO
2756 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
402.434.2127
PEDCO-NE.org
Releasing in early 2025

Enrollment Department - 2025 Census

Each year, in the month of April, the Enrollment Committee will conduct a census of the members of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. The information that is received will help to update the enrollment records. When completed please mail back to: [PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760](#).

Your Name: _____ Date: _____
 Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Are we sending your mailings to the correct address? Yes: _____ No: _____
 If not, please list your complete physical and mailing address. (Don't forget to include apartment numbers.)

Please list all of the Ponca members who reside in your home, including yourself.

If you have a child that has recently moved out of your household, please list their name and address. (Mailing & physical)

Is there a member or relative that you know has passed away in the last 5 years? Yes: _____ No: _____
 If yes, please list the name of the individual(s) that you know of and who we may contact for further information.

If you have recently had a name change due to marriage, divorce or otherwise, please list your previous/new name below and **attach a copy of your marriage certificate, divorce decree, etc.** for verification of your name change.

Previous name: _____
 New name: _____

Are you a registered Tribal voter? Yes: _____ No: _____ (You may contact the enrollment department if you are unsure.)

If you are not registered would you like a Tribal Voter Registration form mailed to you? Yes: _____ No: _____

Have you or do you currently serve in the military? If yes, please submit documents for verification if you have not already done so. Yes: _____ No: _____ Branch: _____

Date of service: ____/____/____

Thank you! We appreciate your response!

****If you know of any Ponca members that are not receiving their mailings from the Ponca Tribe please have them contact the Enrollment Department.**

**Scan the QR Code
to complete the
census online!**



HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER INFORMATION!

Hello Members,

The Enrollment Department is doing their best to keep our members information current and up to date but we can't do it without your help. If you've moved or need to report a death please contact us to let us know.

Below is a list of members that are inactive. **This means that we do not have a current address for them on file or maybe a death was never reported or documents were never received.** If you see the name of someone you know who has moved please contact them and tell them to update their information with us. If there is the name of someone you know who has passed please contact us. We need a death certificate or document on file in order to change their status.

You may contact the Enrollment Department at enrollment@poncatribene.gov, or contact the Niobrara office. We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 3/1/2025

LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine
Smith, Stephanie Rae
Brown, La`Trel Lucious
Velder Jr., Jason Lee
Mullen, Michael Thomas
Poafpybitty, Misty Brook
Prunty, Austin Joe
Salazar, Mauricio
Sherman, Mitchell Everett
Boettger, Dakota Birdhead
Scuderi, Jana Marie
Grant, I I I., Jesse Clarence
White, Jacey Aron
Flowers, Joseph
O'Flynn, Shania Marie
Rowe, Crystle Anette
Parsley, Shanel Rose
Smith, Danial Ray
Carlson, Stephanie Lea
Blair, Hunter Wo Day Leon
Mc Cray II, Allen Junior
O'Meara, David Joseph
Droescher, Samantha Roma Rae
Stuczynski, Drake Keegan
Sherman, Cody Lee
Lasley, Brittany Joy
Laravie, Jr., Steve Alan
Brownrigg, Steven Francis
Keeling, Lamont Terrill
Barrett, Dannielle Samantha
Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann
McGrath, Bryan Thomas
Bair, Wesley David
Scurlocke, Athena Larissa Lucille
Wright, Cruz Montgomery
Mann, Sydney Desiree`
Hagler, Joshua James
Schmidt, Dylan Andrew- Philip
Rich, Mitch Andrew
Wright, Alina Lee
Roberts, Marquitta Ruby
Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C.
Bonge, Todd Joseph
Johnson, Lukas Tyler
Rulo, Byron
Muscutt, Elias Gordon
Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo
Peck, Tyler Duane
Prichard, Joseph John
Wright, Eric David
Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott
Wright, Aaron David
Torrez, Jr., Lawrence DeWayne
Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose
Matthews, Jett Haden

Knight, Cameron Patrick
Smith, Ashley Nicole
Bear, Joshua Gilbert
Maben, Jessica Paige
Eckley, Leigha Irene
Angell, Tonya Francine
Horine, Ashley Danielle
Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold
Bagent, Wayne Orval
Madrigal, Steven Matthew
McKeen, Juanita Rose
Grant Jr., Donald Allen
Mercier, Jade Sharice
Sherman, John Glenn
Sainz, Tritia Jeanene
Howe, Richard H.
Latimer, LaRohn Lewis
Goss, Mamie L.
Taylor, Samantha Rose
White, Tianna Alexia
Pfundstein, Nathan Alexander
Danielson, Daniel James
Schmidt, John Thomas Carl
Hogie, Jamie Lyn
Becker, Tyler Randell
Thomas, Natana Lynn
Wells, Isaiah David
Mc Cray, Johnny William Melvin
Peck, Brandalynn
Raymond, Joseph Allen
Taylor, Curtis Anthony
Henritze, Karen June
Schmitz, Jennifer Joy
Drapeaux, Juston Lee
Baker, Skylar Dominick
Wright, Asheena Lee
Wayte, April May
Harlan, Lavara Mina
Veals, Clifford James
Little, Jeromy Todd
Kelso, James Alan
Hennek, Gail Howe
Courtright, Michael Todd
Wright, Jacob Martin
Sherman, Harold Dewayne
Swinarski, Alicia Estrada
Cutshall, Katline James
Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley
Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika
Carter, Amber Lynn
Stastny, Rachel Colleen
Kettula, Ruby Jean
Burston, Sandra Lee
Bell, Darian Patrick
Carlson, Emma Rose

Miodowski, Jesse Thomas
McGrath, Daniel Patrick
Glisan, Cynthia Lynn
Spencer, Peyton Thunder
Russell, Kristina Anne
Buffalo Chief, Uriah Jordan
Lindenberg, David Charles
Remmenga, Daniel James
Eckley, Lane Emory
King, Gavin Michael
Da Moude, Deborah Kay
Standblack, Daniel Skye
Freeman, Xavier Lee
Polly, Rachael Anne
Wilson, Samantha Tyre
Mategko, Lisa Louise
Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh
York, Gregory Allen
Thomas, Jenny Anne
Vanderlinden, Emmi Clarine
Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle
Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose
Taylor, Ka`ili Brianna
Bear, Max Starr
Boyer, Berlin N.
Wright, Howard Floyd
Buckley II, Sentwali Onyemachi
Govia, Isaiah Lee
Glenn, John Allen
Henritze, Joseph Dale
Kyles, Jarred Joseph
Schmidt, Jaye Anthony
Wolfe Sr, Michael
Waters, Deon Koleen
White, Abrianna Aliya
Pilcher Jones, Josi Marie
Blowe, Tyrone Richard
Humphreys, Belinda Kay
Haahr, Anneliese Teresa
Lieb, Syllas Vittorio
Williams, Andrea Michelle
Leach, Isaiah Marcus
Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray
Treichler, Jasmine Dawn
Mategko, Janet Louise
Flagg, I I I., George Albert
Wright, Kristen Rose
Pierce, Raychel Marie
Loftis, Timothy James
Wright, Jaedyne Ajana
Mann II, Steven Michael
Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold
Bell, Shaune` Kay
Brooks, Angela Ellen
Sherman, Michael Ray

LaPointe, Robert James
Taylor, Alexia Rose
Sherman, Tristan Ray
Greenwood IV,
Ernest Sydney Leshawn
O'Rear, Makenna Shay
Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick
Brown, J. Wesley
Brown, Da`Trel Duvoni
Larson, Scott Andrew
Boone, Lola Belle
Muscutt, Jr., Gordon Dean
Mullen, Owen Dean
Evans, Kareem Antwon
Thomas, Robin Diane
Standblack, Marko Tulio
Jeppesen, Zachary Lee
Banuelos, Christa Rose
Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco
Burgon, Jeremy Edward
Velder, Tristen Leo Spencer
Thomas, II,
Scott Richard Herbert
Schmidt, Jr., Karl Michael
LeRoy, Sophia Storm
Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee
Gutierrez, Vincent Clarence
Blowe, Dominick Adams
Voigt, Mitchell Henry
Knudsen, Crystal Mae
Queen, Anthony Scott
Harris, Paul Joseph
Krueger, Annette Marie
Boyd, Myron Ralph
Sherman, Savannah
Voss, Joshua Le Roy
Vaughan, Linda Lou
Zephier, Cameron Dawn
Mategko, Michael Steven
Petersen, Kevin Lee
Voss, Michael Roy
Fierro, Brandon Michael
Hart-La Londe, Kaedyn Mikael
Kerrigan, Kathleen Ann
Sherman, Robert Le Roy
Teboe, Temperance Tayen
Suverkrubbe, Nathan Fernando
Birdhead, William Randolph
Foley, Michael Joseph
Green, Brooklyn Marie
Droescher, Savannah Jo Anne
Lieb, Donovan Joseph
Beaver, Jason Chaska

(Please sign your name in the area below with a BLACK felt tip marker)

I _____ I

TRIBAL MEMBERS

(please print)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

_____ PHONE: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING):

EMAIL: _____

VETERANS ONLY: MILITARY BRANCH: _____

*****Service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department if you are requesting a military seal.**

**FOR A PHOTO ID PLEASE SIGN AND FILL OUT THIS PAGE.
DON'T FORGET TO SEND (EMAIL) YOUR PICTURE AS WELL**

Photo ID Instructions

1. Signature

Please completely fill in the information on the bottom of the signature page. With a **black** felt tip marker please sign your name in the middle of the top of the signature page. **(Please note that children do not require a signature for theirs.)**

2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:

a: State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card
(It **must** have your picture and signature on it)

b: If you are **not** an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe, but your child is, you must still submit a copy of your State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID and a copy of your child(s) Social Security Card and Tribal Enrollment Card for proof of enrollment.

3. Photo Options:

You must submit a current photo without filters and a solid colored background. You can email it to enrollment@poncatrib-ne.gov or you may mail documentation and current photo to:
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

*****Please note that we can/will NOT use a photo from your state ID or driver's license.**

4. Military Seals:

Military branch seals are available for veterans. Military service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department to show proof of veteran status.

Change of Address Form

Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760
Fax: 402-857-3771 or enrollment@poncatribes-ne.gov

ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER REQUESTING ADDRESS CHANGE:

OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER: _____

E-mail: _____

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT: _____

To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this information will be shared with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be suspended until this information is corrected and/or updated.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DATE



March

Omaha | 5815 South 86th Circle

Sioux City | 125 6th Street

Niobrara | 2523 Woodbine Street

Lincoln | 1600 Windhoek Drive | North Lot

Norfolk | 1800 Syracuse Avenue | North Gym Lot

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The Tribal Council is seeking individuals who want to serve on the Judicial Nominating Committee. The Judicial Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, with each district having at least one representative on the Committee. The Committee is responsible to select from applicants those persons they deem to be qualified to serve as Judges of the Court and Justices of the Appellate Court. The Ponca Tribal Council then conducts an open hearing for each nominated person and then selects from the candidates the Chief Judge and three Appellate Justices. Those serving on this Committee will be paid a stipend in the amount of \$250 and mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip at the GSA rates per meeting. Please send your letter of interest to Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or crepenning@poncatribene.gov. Deadline to apply is April 11, 2025.

Ponca Artist Terry Taylor donates painting to Tribe



Ponca artist Terry Taylor has graciously donated one of his original paintings to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, in memory of Grandma Alice. Ponca members and descendants of Grandma Alice will be able to view the painting at each office location at the following dates, and have an opportunity to write a story or memory they have of Grandma

Alice. A memory notebook will be set up next to the artwork.

Traveling Alice

Tour Dates:

March - NPHA Norfolk
April - Niobrara Agency
May - Sioux City Office
June - Lincoln Office
July - Ralston Admin
August - Norfolk Admin

The painting will have its final home in the Norfolk location.

Traveling Alice

On a hot summer day, my friends and I
Tear through our tiny house in small rural
Nebraska—barefoot and wild.

As I turn, I see one of them pause,
Their gaze fixed on the wall, their wonder unmasked.

What is wrong I ask, breathless with play,
As they point, wide-eyed, with nothing to say.

Oh, that's my grandma, I answer with ease,
Brows knit in confusion why should this freeze
Them in place, as if seeing something rare? Doesn't
everyone have a grandma right there?

She sleeps on a bed made from what we could spare,
A patchwork of blankets, a chair pulled near.
She's here for a while, then off on her way,
A traveler at heart, never meant to stay.

With stories as vast as the roads she has known,
She carries the dust of the places shes roamed.
Her suitcase is small, but her spirit is wide,
A compass that points to the world outside.

One day she's here, the next she is gone,
Off chasing the sunset, the pull of a song.
Yet always she finds her way back to our door,
Bringing us stories, and leaving us more.

So we run off laughing, no time to explain,
While Alice just smiles, unbound by the same
Roots that keep others so tethered and still—
She follows the road, she bends with its will.

And though she may travel, though time moves fast,
Her stories, her love, our memories —those always
will last.

—Love, your Granddaughter

Elder's Committee Meetings

March 3 | 10 am

PTN Offices | Sioux City, IA

April 7 | 10 am

PTN Office | Lincoln, NE



The following is the first in a series of poems by Ponca Member Savannah Sherman/Lake. These poems will be published in the PTN newsletter over the next few months.

Recalibrate

The scales are off balance
Who knew gold was so heavy
One dish holding bricks from the rich
The other tears from the poor

The scales are off balance
Who knew the leaders were so cruel
One dish holding mansions
The other holding concrete, and sleeping bags

The scales are off balance
Who knew that food could exist like THIS
One dish seasoning for food, fish eggs
The other empty..the trash out back just got ran

Who knew the scales were off balance?
I think it needs recalibrated.
What do you think?
Well, it's time we get to work!

-Savannah Sherman/Lake

Congratulations!



Ponca Tribe of Nebraska couldn't quite pull the hardware in. Our Co-Ed basketball team that plays in the men's leagues took 3rd place in the men's city tournament! Not pictured is Candace Walahoski, Josie M Shea, and Calvin Boettger! Congrats to our Ponca Nation!

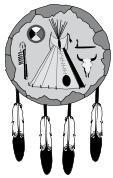
Ponca Tribe employee Candace Walahoski walks the runway at New York Fashion Week

Candace Walahoski, the Ponca Tribe's Lincoln-based Tribal Home Visitor, was selected by Oglala Lakota Nation tribal member Harmony Star, founder of Star in the Sky Sewing, to model at The Bureau fashion show. The fashion line for the show was called "Say Their Name" a missing and murdered indigenous themed clothing line that was debuted Feb 8th at the prestigious Winter New York Fashion Week. Candace along with four other tribal members

represented their respective tribes bringing awareness to our missing and murdered indigenous relatives.

"It was amazing opportunity to represent my tribe, the Cheyenne River Oyate, and The Ponca Tribe by bringing awareness to our missing and murdered indigenous relatives. This is an opportunity that I will cherish forever. I am beyond blessed that the artist selected me to represent this cause and bring awareness on such a big stage." - Candace





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PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA Office Locations

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Enrollment

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3771

Cultural

P.O. Box 288
Ph: (402) 857-3519
Fax: (402) 857-3652

LINCOLN 68512

Administration

1600 Windhoek Dr.
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

2756 O Street
Ph: (402) 434-2127
Fax: (402) 434-2128

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 371-7564

Gym Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 379-0988

Ponca Hills Clinic

Ph: (402) 371-8780
(402) 371-5726
Fax: (402) 379-4291 - Pharmacy
(402) 379-4293 - Registration
(402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

1501 Michigan Ave.
Ph: (402) 379-8224
(800) 367-2320
Fax: (402) 379-8557

Purchased/Referred Care

Ph: (800) 405-0365
Fax: (402) 371-0176

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-3612
Fax: (402) 733-3487

Administration

5805 South 86th Circle, 68127
Ph: (402) 315-2760

Dental

2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-1325
Fax: (402) 733-3487

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIOUX CITY 51103

Administration

125 6th Street
Ph: (712) 258-0500
Fax: (402) 939-0297

OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

800-652-1999 (Nebraska)
800-362-2178 (Iowa)
877-244-0864 (South Dakota)

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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